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A.—The Government have considered the question and have issued orders allowing, as an experimental measure, the villagers to hunt wild animals in reserved forests in the South Kanara district during the months of July to January.

Municipalities

Loans to municipalities for electric installations.

* 332 Q.—Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many municipalities have so far applied for loans for installing electrical machinery ;

(*b*) how many such applications have been granted and how many of them have been rejected ; and

(*c*) what the names of the firms are which have been granted licences to carry out electrical schemes and the names of those which have been refused such licences?

A.—(*a*) Eleven.

(*b*) Eight applications have been granted. The application of one more council has been published. Another council does not want the loan provided for as it has deferred the scheme. One other council has been asked to renew its loan application after getting the detailed plans and estimates for the scheme duly sanctioned. No application has been rejected.

Non-Municipal Electric Licensees.

(*c*) (1) The Madras Electric Supply Corporation, Limited (for supply in the area covered by the whole of the City Corporation limits including the area administered by the Military and Port authorities).

(2) The Crompton Engineering Company, Limited (for supply in British Cochin).

(3) The Sri Meenakshi Electric Supply Corporation, Limited, Devakottah (for supply in Devakottah).

(4) The Trichinopoly-Srirangam Electric Supply Corporation, Limited, Trichinopoly (for supply in the towns of Trichinopoly and Srirangam).

(5) The Rajahmundry Electric Supply Corporation, Limited, Rajahmundry (for supply in Rajahmundry).

(6) The Nattarasankottai Electric Supply Corporation, Limited (for supply in Nattarasankottai and Sivaganga).

(7) Mr. K. C. Menon, Calicut (for supply in Calicut).

(8) The Sri Meenakshi Sundareswaralu Electric Power Corporation, Limited, Karaikudi (for supply in Karaikudi.)

(9) The Kanadukathan Electric Supply Corporation, Limited (for supply in and around Kanadukathan and Pallathur).

(10) The Vellore Electric Corporation, Limited, Vellore (for supply in Vellore).

The Conjeeveram Co-operative Electric Supply Corporation was refused a licence for supplying electrical energy to the town of

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Conjeevaram on the ground that the municipal council proposed to undertake the supply itself and that there was no scope for the operation of two licences in the same area.

Excise

Opening and closure of toddy and arrack shops during the last five years.

* 333 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. Swami: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether any new shops for toddy or arrack were opened during the last five years;

(b) if so, how many under each head in each year;

(c) whether any shops were closed during the same period; and

(d) if so, how many?

A—(a) *to* (d) The net figures are as follows:—

Year.	Toddy shops.		Arrack shops.	
	Newly opened.	Closed.	Newly opened.	Closed.
1924–25 ...	68	211	55	204
1925–26 ...	118	129	81	120
1926–27 ...	78	221	67	99
1927–28 ...	135	151	50	145
1928–29 ...	70	222	76	121

Closure of liquor shops during festival days.

* 334 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. Swami:—Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government will fix the festival and other occasions when the liquor shops should be closed instead of leaving the matter to be decided by the Commissioner and Collectors; and

(b) if so, whether the Government will appoint a Committee for the purpose?

A.—(a) & (b) The Government do not see any reason to take action as suggested.

Object of the temperance propaganda by the Government.

* 335 Q.—Mr. S. Satyamurti: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) what is the definite object now of the temperance propaganda of the Government;

(b) whether total abstinence will be preached or only temperance; and

(c) the institutions or individuals to whom the Rs. 4 lakhs is proposed to be distributed?

A.—(a) *to* (c) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given to question No. 122 answered on 8th August 1929. Institutions or individuals will be considered by the Central Propaganda Board when District Committees make special proposals in the matter.